

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
June 10, 2013

Present: First Selectman Gayle Weinstein; Selectman David Muller; Selectman Dennis Tracey; Town Administrator Tom Landry; Administrative Assistant Judy DeVito; Residents.

This meeting was recorded and videotaped. Copies are available in the Selectmen's office. The meetings are available for viewing online via the Town's website.

Ms. Weinstein called the meeting to order at 7:55pm

Pledge of Allegiance-

Accept the resignation of Richard Bochinski from the Board of Education effective immediately. Mr. Muller moved to accept the resignation of Richard Bochinski from the Board of Education effective immediately. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Weinstein thanked Mr. Bochinski for his service to the Town on the Board of Education.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Sara P. Spaulding to fill the vacancy (Richard Bochinski) on the Board of Education for a term to expire November 12, 2013. Sara has lived in Weston for about 9 years and has two children in the Weston School System. She has served as Hurlbutt's PTO President this year and thinks that we have one of the best educational systems. She would like a chance to help with the stewardship of maintaining the excellent education. She has been to most of the Board of Education meetings this year.

Mr. Tracey moved to appoint Sara P. Spaulding to fill the vacancy by Richard Bochinski on the Board of Education for a term to expire November 12, 2013. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Tiffany Davidson to fill the vacancy (Nancy McCormick) on the Commission for Children and Youth for a term to expire December 20, 2014. Tiffany said she has lived in Weston for 13 years. She has sat in on the Children and Youth meetings this year. She has a son in 6th grade and is very interested in helping the youth in the Town.

Mr. Muller moved to appoint Tiffany Davidson to fill the vacancy on the Commission for Children and Youth for a term to expire June 30, 2014. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding setting a date for a public hearing for a driveway variance for 106 Eleven O'Clock Road. Amy Cohen said they are the last house on Eleven O'Clock Road. Their driveway holds one car and the back of the car is on the road. They want to widen the driveway by three or four feet in order to get cars that are currently parked on the road, off the road and into a driveway. John Conte the Town Engineer did look at the driveway and this is his recommendation as well.

Mr. Tracey moved that the Board of Selectmen set a public hearing on June 20, 2013 at 7:20pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room regarding a driveway variance for 106 Eleven O'Clock Road. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding adopting the proposed changes to the Firearms Ordinance. Mr. Tracey said he was persuaded by Mr. Saltzman's comments that this is probably not an ordinance that we want to apply indoors. It was never intended to do that but he doesn't know what the consequences of that are. He can't imagine that there is a lot of call for it since there has been no request for permitting so he wanted to raise that issue and ask what the Board thought. Ms. Weinstein said we don't specify indoors or outdoors and her concern is if we specify that this only applies to outdoors how can we let you shoot guns indoors without having any way to regulate what happens.

Muller moved that the Board of Selectmen adopt the proposed changes, revised version dated May 16, 2013, to the Weston Code Article III Firearms. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding adopting the ordinance to adopt Part 1, Ordinances, of the Code and to enact certain changes made during the codification process.

Mr. Tracey moved that the Board of Selectmen adopt the Weston Code Article II, Adoption of Code to enact changes made during the codification process. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding setting a Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing the property at 48 Norfield Road. Ms. Weinstein said that one of the comments she heard during the Public Hearing was regarding the use of the property. From her prospective, it really is difficult to pinpoint municipal use until we know whether or not we are going to have the building. We know that we have to clear employees out of the annex, the police department is going to have to expand and Board of Finance is not amenable to building them a separate, standalone police department which may necessitate expanding into Town Hall. We also know that the Board of Education is considering changes that might allow us to have some municipal office space in one of the buildings in the school but she did hear that there was concern about moving land use into one of the buildings.

Mr. Muller said for him it is flexibility, contiguity and opportunity. He finds it very compelling to have contiguous space and he would be concerned to lose the opportunity to acquire that. It gives flexibility as we enter the planning process. He strongly recommends acquiring the property.

Mr. Tracey said he agreed with that and that there was real merit to having the property. He thinks everyone is entitled to know before we move forward with it what the cost is going to be, exactly what effect it will have on the tax rate, how we plan to finance it if approved etc. He feels we should become a little more concrete for what the options are for the use of the property before the meeting.

Mr. Muller moved that the Board of Selectmen approve a date of June 25, 2013, at 7:30pm to hold a Town Meeting to vote on whether or not the Town should purchase the property at 48 Norfield Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Interviews for the Charter Revision Commission Harvey Bellin; Denny Brooks; Allan Grauberd; Michael O'Brien; John Stripp.

Harvey Bellin- He would like to serve because the prior Charter Commission involves people in the community in the best possible way. He would like to represent the people who are citizens who don't show up to meetings.

Denny Brooks- He went to the ATBM and what he saw this year was very different from last year. He said that things need to be changed and he is willing to help. He is a scientist by profession.

Allan Grauberd-He said that he has been a securities corporate lawyer for about three years. He wanted to get more involved in Town affairs and he was told that his skill set was appropriate for this. He does a lot of public company work and run public annual meetings of stock holders. Statutory interpretations, drafting is his core skill set so he could help with this.

Michael O'Brien-He spent 10 years on the Board of Finance and has just resigned. He's interested in Charter Revision Committee because Board of Finance was under scrutiny by the last Commission. They had 6 year terms and it was moved back to 4 year terms after the November elections. Those things were interesting to him. His interest going forward is to look at some of the areas we need to revise such as the ATBM process and seeing what's good for the Town.

John Stripp- He said when he heard there was a need he thought his experience might be helpful. He had been on the Board of Finance for 8 years and had served chairman. He was on the Board of Selectmen for 8 years and was co-chairman with Dick Bochinski on the Ethics Code Commission which they wrote. He spent 18 years in Hartford as a State Representative and represented Newtown for part of that. He also represented Redding, Easton and Weston. He has written a lot of amendments. He and his wife have been in Town almost 15 years and both of his children went through the Weston School system.

Discussion/decision regarding forming the Charter Revision Commission- After some discussion Mr. Muller moved that the Board of Selectmen approve a resolution to form a Charter Revision Commission and to appoint the following seven members to Charter Revision Commission for a term to expire October 31, 2013. Kenneth Edgar Chairman; Nina Daniel; Woody Bliss; Arnie de Keijzer; Michael O'Brien; Dennis C. Brooks; John Stripp. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the renewal of the Support Service Fee, Section 4 of the Ordinance Regulating Land Use Fees- Tracy Kulikowski. Tracey Kulikowski said the ordinance has been in place since 2008 and she comes back periodically to get it

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renewed on behalf of the land use boards. It helps the land use boards get better information and ensures that certain violations are taken care of in a way that usually involves structural engineering and things that are slightly complicated.

Mr. Tracey moved that the Board of Selectmen extend the Support Service Fee, as stated in Weston Code Section 4, Land Use Fee Ordinance to June 30, 2017. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Request for property tax refunds:

Fairfield County Bank	\$6,051.84
VW Credit, Inc.	\$2,033.13
Nissan Infiniti-LT	\$462.59
Joseph. W. Nash	<u>\$41.02</u>
Total	\$8,588.58

Mr. Muller moved to approve property tax refunds in the amount of \$8,588.58 as listed on the June 10th Board of Selectmen's agenda. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Items

Updates

Grants- Gayle Weinstein- No new news

Any other business to come properly before the meeting- None

Discussion/approval of the Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes of the May 16th Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Tracey moved to approve the Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes of May 16, 2013. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

At 8:43 pm the Board of Selectmen's meeting ended and the Joint Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance meeting started.

Respectfully submitted

Judy M. DeVito
Administrative Assistant
Approved 8/15/13